

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES
MEETING OF AUGUST 2, 2003**

At 8:05 a.m. Chairman Lee Panza in Conference Room C of San Mateo City Hall, called the meeting to order.

Members Attending: Deborah Gordon, Marc Hershman, Irene O'Connell, Lee Panza, and Marland Townsend.

Staff/Guests Attending: Walter Martone (C/CAG Staff - County Public Works), Richard Napier (C/CAG Executive Director), and Brian Moura (City of San Carlos).

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

None

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Minutes and summary of the meeting of July 12, 2003.

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented. Townsend/O'Connell, unanimous.

3. Update from C/CAG Lobbyist in Sacramento (via conference call).

Wes Lujan provided a briefing on the latest news from Sacramento.

- CCAG's bill (AB 1546) was amended to be an "intent" bill in order to move it through the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee. The opposition to the bill by the Department of Motor Vehicles has been removed because C/CAG has agreed to an amendment that calls for an up front payment to cover the cost of computer programming to collect the new fees.
- The budget that was adopted included \$300 million more expenditures than were originally proposed. There were a number of side deals made in order to ensure passage. One of these included reducing the redevelopment money take away from \$250 million to \$135 million.
- The Indian tribes that have pending compacts are trying to resolve all issues and get agreement before any recall of the Governor occurs.
- Most of the bills that are still active are either in an Appropriations Committee or on the Floor of one of the Houses of the Legislature.
- Law enforcement groups were very successful in getting many of their funding concerns addressed in the budget.

- Assemblyman Simitian was the only one who spoke up in favor of local government during the Assembly Floor debate on the budget. Mr. Simitian got the Assembly Speaker to agree to reconsider the “triple flip” if another legal alternative can be developed.
- The Constitutional prohibition on borrowing funds without voter approval may prove to be an obstacle in moving forward with the adopted budget.
- Cities may have difficulty in borrowing funds due to the “triple flip.” They may not be able to demonstrate that they have a dedicated source of funds to guarantee the loans.
- Advocacy is working with the County’s lobbyist (Corbett) to move the County’s child care bill forward.
- SB 440 – There is hope that this bill will get pulled back to the Appropriations Committee where efforts to defeat it may be more successful. If not there will likely be court challenges to it.
- ACA 7, SCA 2, and ACA 10 are currently on hold.
- C/CAG staff reported that AB 305 by Assemblyman Mullin has been amended to address the concerns identified by C/CAG.

Motion: To take a “support” position on AB 305. O’Connell/Townsend, unanimous.

4. Consideration of positions on various bills –

- AB 1141 (agency shop agreements) – oppose because it will create a conflict for management and confidential employees.

Motion: To recommend an “oppose” position to the C/CAG Board of Directors. Townsend/O’Connell, unanimous.

- AB 1156 (increased powers for the State Public Employment Relations Board) – oppose because it will take away authority from local jurisdictions.

Motion: To recommend an “oppose” position to the C/CAG Board of Directors. Townsend/O’Connell, unanimous.

- AB 1690 (local income tax for public safety) – watch because this bill puts too many restrictions on how the funds can be used.

Motion: To recommend a “watch” position to the C/CAG Board of Directors. Townsend/O’Connell, unanimous.

- ACA 17 (swap of property tax and sales tax) – oppose because this bill, like AB 1221, is attempting to solve the local government funding problems piece meal without comprehensively evaluating all of the options and potential remedies.

Motion: To recommend an “oppose” position to the C/CAG Board of Directors. Hershman/Gordon, unanimous.

- SB 214 (waste discharge requirements) – request that this bill be reviewed by the NPDES Technical Advisory Committee.

SB 567 (penalty for violation of local ordinances) – this bill has been signed into law and was being provided for information only.

5. Date for the September meeting.

After discussion it was decided to schedule the next meeting for Saturday, September 6, 2003.

7. Adjournment.

At 9:06 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.